(c) As per the information received from Andhra Pradesh, periodical observations on the monthly reports by Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) since 2005-06 regarding poor power fluctuations in Andhra Pradesh are nil. However, it made an observation on the following issues:

(i) Response to normal fuse of calls;

(ii) Meter related complaints;

(iii) Billing mistakes; and

(iv) Category change and title transfer request.

(d) The various measures taken to address the problem of power fluctuations include commissioning of sub-stations, adding of new distribution transformers, commissioning of capacitor banks and reducing the length of feeder lines by inserting intermediate poles and distribution transformers etc.

Use of fly ash generated by Thermal Stations

856. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) thermal stations are generating nearly 34 MTA of fly ash per annum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the fly ash comprises of un-burnt carbon, cenospheres, alumino-silicate aggregates, magnetite and/or hematite;

(c) whether all these constituents, if properly separated and recovered have commercial value and could give huge profits to NTPC which may help it to reduce the cost of power; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to start processing units by NTPC or by private operators?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) NTPC's thermal stations are generating nearly 39 million tonnes of fly ash per annum.

(b) Fly ash comprises of very low quantities of un-burnt carbon, cenospheres, quartz, mullite, magnetite and/or hematite.

(c) and (d) Presently, no techno-economically viable methods are available to separate these constituents from fly ash.

Investment ceiling of joint power ventures

857. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have moved a proposal to do away with the existing Rs. 1000 crore investment ceiling applicable to Public Sector Units for forming joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of power sector PSUs that would be benefited from the above?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) As per the existing delegation of powers applicable to Navaratna Companies including NTPC Ltd., the ceiling on equity investment to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries in India or abroad shall be 15% of the net worth of the Public Sector Enterprise(PSE) in one project limited to Rs. 1000 crore and the overall ceiling on such investment in all projects put together shall be 30% of the net worth of the PSE. NTPC Ltd. had approached Ministry of Power for waiver of ceiling of Rs. 1000 crore for equity investment by NTPC Ltd. to establish financial joint venture for the purpose of participating in the bidding of Ultra Mega Projects being established at the initiative of Ministry of Power. Government had approved the proposal of waiver of ceiling of Rs. 1000 crores for equity investments by NTPC Ltd. to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries in India or abroad for the purpose of participating in the bidding of ultra mega projects. However, the ceiling of 15% of the net worth of NTPC in one project and the overall ceiling of 30% of the net worth of the NTPC Ltd. in all such projects of NTPC Ltd. put together shall remain.

Additional power generation targets

†858. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 78,577 megawatt additional power production capacity is targeted to be created in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the responsibility for electricity generation of 14 per cent under this target has been entrusted to the private sector;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(e) the number of projects, along with their generation capacity selected so far for the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A capacity addition of 78,577 MW has been proposed during the Eleventh Five year plan.

(c) and (d) The proposed capacity addition of 78,577 MW during the Eleventh Plan includes 10,760 MW capacity addition in the private sector, which is 13.7 % of the proposed capacity addition during the Eleventh plan.

(e) Details of projects in Private Sector expected to give benefits during Eleventh plan, totalling to 10,760 MW, along with their generation capacity are enclosed as the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.